

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Schmidt

Application No.: 09/973,621

Filed: 10/9/2001

Examiner: DINKINS, ANTHONY

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REQUIREMENT**#6/Et/3/ Election  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-6. Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time. Please charge fee of \$460 to Deposit Account 501861.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bao Tran  
Reg. 37,955**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to 703-308-7722 and addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC. 20231 on December 5, 2002.

Signature

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